

Child Abuse Diagnostic Assessment

Guidelines for making a final diagnosis of child maltreatment. Evidence not meeting these requirements may still support significant concern for abuse.

Physical Abuse

ICD-IX 995.54 child physical abuse
ICD-IX 995.55 shaken baby syndrome

Injuries are inadequately explained by given history
AND
Underlying fragility or medical conditions clinically excluded
AND
[Injuries indicate a mechanism that must be inflicted
OR
Injuries reflect multiple injury times, events or mechanisms]

Sexual Abuse

ICD-IX 995.53 child sexual abuse

Child makes clear detailed disclosure
AND
[Circumstantial observations support disclosure details
OR
Physical exam demonstrates consistent genital injury
OR
Sexually transmitted infection
OR
pregnancy]

[Sexually transmitted infection
OR
Penetrating sexual injury]
AND
No innocent historical explanation
AND
Pre-pubertal child